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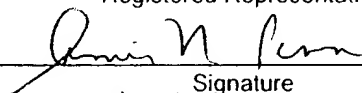
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In re Application of:

Dirk M. Klemm et al.

Serial No. 09/705,577

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For Framework for Integrating Existing
and New Information Technology
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed March 5, 2004, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.